

Edinburgh Correctional Facility Recommended for High Accreditation Score

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Edinburgh, Indiana - (August 22, 2007) The Indiana Department of Correction announced that an independent audit team is recommending the Edinburgh Correctional Facility for re-accreditation by the American Correctional Association (ACA). The facility passed their audit with a perfect 100 percent on the mandatory standards established by the American Correctional Association (ACA), and an extraordinary 99.2 percent on the non-mandatory ACA standards.

"Being recommended for re-accreditation is a testament to the professionalism of the facility leadership, its employees and the facility," said Superintendent John Hardwick of the Edinburgh Correctional Facility. "I'm very proud of the dedication of staff in their efforts in preparing for this audit and their commitment to correctional best practices. We become better when we open ourselves to examination by our correctional peers."

Commissioner J. David Donahue said, "It is our vision to be a model correctional agency and a proven leader in a manner consistent with sound correctional principles. The recommendation for re-accreditation for the Edinburgh Correctional Facility confirms Indiana's national leadership role in corrections. Superintendent John Hardwick and Assistant Superintendent Bryan Pearson and all facility staff are to be commended for their efforts."

The Audit Team reported that they found great morale among staff and offenders which was directly related to the excellent quality of life in the institution. In addition, they commended the staff for their high level of professionalism.

The audit team spent two and a half days touring the facility grounds, going through policies and

procedures, and observing work crews on the military installation and the community before finalizing its recommended score.

About the Edinburgh Correctional Facility

The Edinburgh Correctional Facility is an Indiana Department of Correction level 1 minimum security facility. It is located west of Edinburgh, Indiana on the Camp Atterbury Military Reservation, in southern Johnson County. The facility opened in 1991 and currently houses 320 male offenders. The mission of this facility is to provide work crews for the military installation at Camp Atterbury, and provide labor lines for other state agencies and the local community.

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